

CHNYC TELTALE

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Brenda Mitchell, Mike Arsenault and Mike McDonald, working in the boathouse, are making a difference. See the story on page 6.

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Visit us on the WEB

www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc

Our site contains pictures of yacht club activities as well as important documents such as Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, all of the sail training materials from the ground school, and brochures that explain our plans and programs.

From the Helm

Keep thinking positive thoughts and summer will be right here!

Ron Oard
Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

It was great to see many of you at the Pot Luck dinner on March 3rd. We had a great turnout, and most figured out by the end that the stuff under the table was homebrewed beer. Thanks again to Mike Arsenault for putting together a great event. We even had one guest who flew all the way in from California (okay, my brother happened to be in town). Our next social event is at the Newport Dinner Theater on April 29th.

As we prepare for the season, there are a number of new initiates you should be aware of. First, we are partnering with MWR to have an open house, or "free sailing," to generate more sailing interest on base. On three dates (May 13th, May 20th, and June 3rd) MWR will provide free sailing for eligible patrons. Our volunteers will provide half-hour "cruises" from the handicap pier out onto the bay. Both CHNYC and MWR hope this build increased interest for sail training this season. Paul Mankofsky's column on sail training has information on the need for more on-the-water instructors, and I hope many of you will consider volunteering this season, as both our on-the-water and ground school instructors are vital to the success of this program.

At our last meeting of club officers one of our members (Don Kern) mentioned much of our efforts are geared towards one-design racing MWR boats while a number of boats in the marina participate in local PHRF racing and are looking for crew. *Continued on Next page*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

RACE COMMITTEE MEETING

ALL RACE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, 22 APRIL FROM 9-12 AM IN THE BLDG 18 CLASSROOM TO DISCUSS WEDNESDAY NIGHT NOR, SI, AND SUPPORT FOR OUR WEEKEND REGATTAS. SEE SCOTT'S ARTICLE ON PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS.

SEASON OPENER

WE WILL CELEBRATE WITH A DINNER, PLAY AND CABARET AT THE NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE ON SATURDAY, 29 APRIL. SEE JANET'S ARTICLE ON PAGE 7 FOR THE DETAILS.

SAIL TRAINING

GROUND SCHOOL: MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 7-9 PM
ON-THE-WATER: SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 8 AM UNTIL NOON AND MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY EVENINGS 5-7 PM
GROUND SCHOOL STARTS 22 MAY; LAST GROUND SCHOOL ON 18 SEPTEMBER. CONTACT PAUL WATTERS IF YOU WANT TO HELP IN THE CLASSROOM; DENNIS CROWLEY FOR ON-THE-WATER.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RHODES 19 RACE SERIES

DATE: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS MAY THROUGH OCTOBER
STARTING LINE WEST OF COASTERS HARBOR ISLAND
Summer series 24 May through 26 July; Fall series 2 August through 4 October. Contact Seth Moyer for the details.

SHIELDS ADVANCED SAIL TRAINING

DATES: THURSDAYS 5-7 PM; SATURDAYS 10 AM – NOON
NINE CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED THIS SEASON. CONTACT RON OARD FOR DETAILS.

RACE QUALIFICATION SEMINARS

DAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS 5-7 PM;
SPINNAKER WORKSHOPS ON SATURDAYS 2-4 PM.
SEMINARS ARE SCHEDULED WEEKS OF 15 MAY, 17 JULY, AND 18 SEPTEMBER. CONTACT RICK MATTON OR CHUCK KESSON FOR DETAILS.

REGATTAS FOR 2006 SEASON

WINSLOW MEMORIAL: SATURDAY, 22 JULY (NEW INFORMATION)
SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION: SATURDAY, 19 AUGUST -TENTATIVE
RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL OLYMPICS: 30 SEPTEMBER & 1 OCTOBER
NWC PRESIDENT'S CUP: FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER
CONTACT SCOTT ATKIN TO HELP WITH RACE COMMITTEE DUTIES.

From the Helm Continued

We have created a place in the racing page on our web site where members can indicate their participation and need for crew. Check out our web site, and if you would like to list your involvement contact Paul Schmidle.

If you glanced longingly across the bay this spring you may have noticed the security zone buoys took quite a beating from the wind this winter and very few are on station at the south end of the base. Base Security has a plan to reset the marks in correct position and upgrade the anchors so they won't drag so easily again, and with any luck this will be finished by the end of May. One other fact I discovered is that NAVSTA Newport has given some commercial fishermen permission to fish (i.e. set lobster pots) within the confines of the security zone and within the confines of the marina, so long as it does not interfere with safe navigation.

The issue I have spent most of my time wrestling with this winter is racing insurance. As things currently stand (as I write on 31 March), we are unable to race MWR boats without insurance that covers not only liability (which has been a requirement for the Shields for years) but also hull damage. It has been quite difficult to find anyone willing to write a policy on rented boats, and to date those responsible for MWR policy Navy-wide have been unwilling to back off the latest requirements. There has been some positive movement over the last two weeks, some promising solutions (and some not so promising or appetizing), and the situation could be entirely different by the time you read this. While those involved in one-design racing have been apprised of the situation, I owe it to the rest of the membership to explain the predicament we currently face.

Keep thinking positive thoughts. Spring is in full bloom and I look forward to seeing you on the waterfront come May or when you are up this summer. Hope to see many of you at the Newport Dinner Theater on April 29th!

Ron❖

Sail Training

Join our core of dedicated volunteers!

Paul Mankofsky
Rear Commodore, Sail Training

We are looking forward to the beginning of the sailing season, and are counting on your continuing efforts to help us recruit instructors. The success of our program over the past few years is attributable to a core of 15-20 dedicated on-the-water instructors and about the same number of ground school instructors. Indications are this commitment will continue and I am thankful for that. One of my goals for this season is to expand our core of on-the-water cadre by about 25%. This addition of new instructors will help us accomplish three critical objectives; (1) to make our jobs easier and even more fun by giving us a larger base to accommodate the student load, (2) to bring new talent and ideas to our program, and enable us to get even better at sail training, and (3) to provide a robust basis for continuation of our program in future years – also called succession planning.

Our sail training on-the-water and ground school rear commodores, Dennis Crowley and Paul Watters, are ready to begin accepting students at the end of May. Our first ground school class is scheduled for Monday, May 22 – followed by on-the-water sessions beginning on Saturday, May 27. I have already sent our core group of instructors an “Instructors Wanted,” advertisement, and asked them to broadcast our need where ever they can.

This issue of the TellTale has that advertisement on one of its pages and a poster on the WEB site. I ask each of you to please help recruit some new instructors, by distributing the posters where ever you can, too!

As we move into the new season, we remain committed to a safe and successful program, and again I thank that core group of dedicated instructors for their endless patience, commitment, and enthusiasm.

Paul ❖

Ground School

We are ready to start on 22 May!

Paul Watters
Rear Commodore, Ground School

Ground School is geared up and ready for the sailing season to begin! The instructor assignments are as follows:

May 22 - Bill MacKay
June 5 - Lee Tuthill
June 12 - Rob Fuller
June 19 - John Allen
June 26 - Paul Watters
July 10 - Bob Lowenthal
July 24 - Manny Moniz
July 31 - Mike Keen
Aug 7 - Ed Lynch
Aug 14 - Scott Atkin
Aug 21 - Ben Milam
Aug 28 - Ben Milam
Sept 11 - Don Denny
Sept 18 - Manny Moniz

If anyone else would like to teach a class, please contact me and I will put your name on a standby list.

Paul ❖

Mooring Reservation Form and Procedures Updated on WEB

Visit the CHNYC WEB site to download the reservation form and submit it as outlined in the updated procedures. More information is available from either Jim Gilmore or Ron Oard.

From the Race Course

Committee meeting set for 22 April!

Scott Atkin
Race Chairman/Principal Race Officer

All persons interested in learning how the Race Committee operates, there will be a training class held in Building 18 on Saturday 22 April from 9 am to noon.

Please bring your copy of "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008".

Scott ❖

From the Rule Book

Improve your skills and knowledge!

Rick Matton
Rear Commodore Race Training & Safety

We will be running Race Qualification Seminars again this season. We have scheduled three seminars to provide a pathway for you to upgrade your basic recreational sailing qualification (KBS-B) to a racing skipper qualification (KBS-R).

Our first four-day seminar will be held 15, 16, 18 and 22 May. This is the week prior to the start of the Rhodes 19 Spring Series. For Shields competitors, plan to race on Wednesday the 17th. For those unable to compete, we plan to observe that Shields Fleet 9 race.

To pre-register for this first seminar, please send an email to me or Chuck Kesson at CHNYC.NPT@google.com.

Not only do the seminars discuss the local Notice of Race and Sail Instructions, we cover the RRS 2005-2008 and the tactic and boat speed needed to win.

Spinnaker sets, trim and takedowns are practiced during the Saturday session. Plan to join us – seminars are free for CHNYC members!

Rick ❖

Free Sailing Introduction

Ever thought about taking sailing lessons? Just wasn't sure if you would like it? Now is your chance to sail the Narragansett Bay! Compliments of Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) and the Coasters' Harbor Navy Yacht Club (CHNYC) you are invited to come on a 30-minute ride.

An experienced skipper will introduce you to the joys of sailing on a Rhodes 19. We will have sailing tours on 13 & 20 May and 3 June, beginning at 1200 and departing every 30 minutes until 1330. Space is limited so call early to register for this free sailing opportunity! Patrons must be 16 years old and over to participate.

For more information, call the MWR at 841-2643. If you are interested in volunteering to take patrons on rides, contact Ron Oard.

WANTED! SAILING INSTRUCTORS

Rhodes 19 – Keel Boat
For Season Beginning - May 2006

The Naval Station Newport MWR, in coordination with the Coaster Harbor Navy Yacht Club (CHNYC), offers a Basic Sail Training Program that provides local Narragansett Bay Qualification.

Please volunteer to be an instructor!

The qualifications are competency and experience as skipper, handling a Rhodes 19 or similar keel or centerboard, sloop rigged boat, and a desire to convey your sailing knowledge.

In return for your volunteer time MWR provides 'Sail Training Credits' ... you receive one hour credit for every two hours of training. You can use the credits (up to 50% of the fee incurred) when you check-out a recreational boat for your personal sailing pleasure.

There are also CHNYC Incentives to encourage your participation.

It's fun and it's easy ... very easy!

For more information please contact Paul Mankofsky, Dennis Crowley or Tom Gunzelman.

From the Shields Fleet

Fleet buzzes with activity!

Ron Oard

(for Greg who continues to serve in Bahrain)

Spring is here, the Shields go back in the water the week of April 24th, but we still have a bit of work left in the boat shop with the late start this winter. Along with working the bottoms and working down the repair list from last season, the maintenance crew this winter will have replaced the toe and rub rail on Silverheels and Ann, replaced the shrouds on Silverheels, and replaced the last of the deck mounted jam cleats with cam cleats (one less obstacle to avoid sitting on). I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the boats this winter: we had a new group of people from the War College turn out that accomplished most of the work this winter. Thanks to Ed Fernandez, Jeff Hubert, Dan Parilla, and Sandy and Maureen Neville, who were the main contributors, for all their efforts.

We will start our formal Shields training classes on 11 May. With Greg in Bahrain for the first part of the summer, I'll be looking for a few more folks to step up and help out early in the season. We had a great season supporting recreational rentals of the Shields last year, and this is one of the big ways to help keep the boats utilized by qualifying folks that are capable of sailing them.

I received news at the end of March that MWR may have funds to repair the damage to Vindex sometime in April. If that comes to pass, with any luck we may have her in the water racing by mid-season. And while I'm still waiting to see the schedule, I expect the Wednesday racing season with Shields Fleet 9 will begin May 10th. See you out on the water.

Ron ❖

Sail training generates the good will within MWR that fosters support of having the fleets and allows us to race. If you want to continue the success of the Rhodes and Shields fleets and refresh our sail inventory – we need your help as volunteer sailing instructors.

From the Rhodes Fleet

If you are new to the fleet, please contact me!

Seth Moyer

Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

There has been some excellent work put forth by a few dedicated skippers working in the boat shed this winter which have brought 4 more boats up to excellent condition. A big thank you goes out to Chuck Kesson, Ed Noll, Mike Arsenault and Mike McDonald. I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labor when we begin racing this spring. The remaining 11 boats are looking for skippers and I hope to fill as many as possible. For this year, we will again be assigning the remaining boats to racing skippers via a lottery. If you are interested in participating in the lottery please let me know. The plan is to hold the lottery in Mid April so the skippers can participate in the rig tuning.

The first race of the summer series is scheduled for 24 May and we are all looking forward to another great race season. Also look for posting of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions on the web site. Remember to make sure your yacht club membership is up to date and submit an entry form once posted. For those new to racing the first race qualification seminar will be offered the week of 15 May; in time to participate in our race series.

As has been discussed elsewhere in this edition, we are still working through some difficult issues with MWR relating to insurance and our ability to race. I am hopeful that these will be worked out and not impact our series. I will be keeping the racing skippers informed of progress and any impacts, including any requirements we may have for paying for insurance that arise from the results. If you are new to our series, please keep in contact with me so I can keep you posted.

With the approach of the sailing series our thoughts also turn to the primary outreach mission of the CHNYC – Sail Training. I would ask all racing skippers to evaluate how they have given back to the program which has afforded them the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the race program, and make a commitment to at least one day a week of sail training. Seth❖

From the Secretary/Treasurer

Join us on 29 April to open the boating season!

Janet Belson
Secretary/Treasurer, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our club year ended March 31. If you have not done so already, please fill out the membership form and send it with your check to me. Also please check off the areas in which you are willing to help. Your volunteering with our different programs is what makes this club work. The information is all on the membership form below.

Your membership will be good through March 31, 2007. If you are not sure if you have already paid for the 2006-2007 CHNYC year, just check your address label. It will have 2007 listed if you have paid.

COASTERS HARBOR NAVY YACHT CLUB OPENER

NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE & CABARET RESTAURANT
SATURDAY – APRIL 29TH

DOORS OPEN at 6:00pm — BUFFET at 6:15pm — PLAY at 8:15pm — CABARET follows

\$43 per person (an exceptional bargain for a full night out). Make checks out to the NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE
RSVP by APR 25th and send checks to Janet Belson, 683-4135, Address: 5 Benedict Ave., Portsmouth, RI 02871

The play is: 'SQUABBLES'. A sure-fire, laugh-filled, fun-filled hit! Take a happy young couple, his miserable father-in-law, who comes to live with them, AND her mother-in-law, who also comes to live with them, and you have a mix (a bad mix) but loads of laughs.

Don't miss this very funny comedy ... we only have 50 seats available. Your guests are most welcomed.

Please complete this short form below. Renewals provide us the opportunity to ensure all your information is up to date.

MAIL TO: CHNYC c/o Janet Belson, Treasurer, 5 Benedict Ave., Portsmouth, RI 02871-2301

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| _____ New CHNYC Member | _____ Renewal | _____ Membership Number |
| _____ CHNYC Individual (\$25) | _____ CHNYC Family (\$35) | |
| _____ Active Duty | _____ Projected Rotation Date | |
| _____ Dependent | _____ Retired | _____ Reserve |
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NAME: _____

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE: _____

DUTY STATION/WORK: _____

BOAT NAME: _____ POWER: _____ SAIL: _____

TYPE/MANUFACTURER: _____ LOA: _____ BEAM: _____

MARINA BERTH # _____ OTHER: _____

Very important areas in which you'd like to help and get involved with: We particularly need help with ...

_____ On-Water Sail Training _____ Ground School _____ Race Committee

We also need assistance with these programs: Please check the blank and show your support ...

_____ Sail Qualification Upgrades (Rhodes/Shields) _____ Power Squadron
_____ Facilities (including Weather Emergency Crew) _____ Special Events (Picnics, Social, etc)

_____ Other including Cruising, PHRF racing or crewing. Please specify _____

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Lou Reyna, Ron Oard and Maureen Neville replace teak on the rail of Ann, Shields #163. See the story on page 6.